Representations re. *answers to questions.*

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Sir, I had tabled a short notice question and I do not know what happened to it ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—You will receive an endorsement in the course of the day.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—I had sent one such question regarding Forest Department.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall ascertain and let you know.

Sri V. R. NAIDU.—In Question 173, the amount of grants made to societies is asked for but the Government have given a statement of loans.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I cannot go back.

* Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—I want to raise some objection regarding the answers that have been supplied to us. A year back the question was raised on the floor of the House that when questions on similar subjects are put by different members, as for example if a question is put on handloom industry by one member and so many other members have put questions on the same subject, the answers are not supplied to all the questions put, on the same day so that it will not facilitate members to take part in question hour. On another subject, namely, road transport, so many questions were put by different members. This defect was pointed out last time and you were pleased to say that Government should take suitable measures to supply answers for all those questions. But Government have not adhered to that suggestion thrown out by the Chair. I would like to bring this to the notice of the Chair so that in future at least we may have questions and answers on similar subjects supplied on the same day.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Government have heard you.

Complaint re. *incorrect reporting in some newspapers.*

* Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Sir, we have been following the reports of the proceedings of the Assembly in some of the papers in the Mysore State. I regret to state that some of the papers have not been faithfully, fairly and directly reporting the proceedings of the Assembly. For example, in Deccan Herald, dated 20th January 1954, it has been reported like this. I made a speech on the motion on Land Revenue demand. The version in the paper is :

> "Mr. Mulka Govinda Reddy speaking on the demand said that similar concessions might be extended to the ryots in connection with the collection of land revenue and takavi loans."

When he said similar concessions, he was referring to the speech made by Sri Mohamed Imam who preceded me.

Sri J. Mohamed Imam is reported to have spoken as follows :—

> "Mr. Imam, moving a cut motion on the demand under 'Land Revenue' for Rs. 27,000 pointed out that the transferred territory, specially the Hudalagi Taluk....."

There also it is incorrectly reported. It was Kudligi Taluk.

Mr. SPEAKER.—He might not have heard it properly.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—All right. Proceeding further—

> "...was subjected to drought due to continuous failure of rains. According to his information, the State Government had issued orders to collect the land revenue arrears relating to the two previous years from the ryots of those areas. Before the transfer of the territory, the ryots were expecting remission of land revenue from the Government of Madras and subsequent events had denied them this concession. He urged the Government to extend to these taluks the same concessions enjoyed by the ryots in Mysore, namely, payment of land revenue in four instalments and also necessary land remission."

I never touched anything regarding land revenue. I only pointed out regarding extension of time for payment of instalments of takavi loans.

If you read my speech, that refers to the speech made by Sri Imam. This gist gives an entirely incorrect statement of what I spoke.

Sri S. Gopala Gowda spoke something about the mutation. I would like to read this :

> " Sri S. Gopala Gowda (P.S.P.) urged that pahani accounts maintained by the village officers and the mutation proceedings in respect of the transfer of land revenue khatas in the transferred territory should be so amended as to bring them on a par with the system prevailing in other parts of the State."

If I remember correctly, Sir, Sri Gopala Gowda said almost the opposite of what has been stated in this report.

Again, Sir, with regard to my own cut motion, what is said is :

> " After the Government replied, the cut motion was withdrawn and the main demand was passed."

I did not withdraw the cut motion ; only by implication, it was voted down.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—What about your Paper ' Visvakarnataka ' ?

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—I am ashamed to say that I am a Director in that Paper, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You are using a very strong word.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—He referred to ' Visvakarnataka ' of which paper I am a Director and I therefore said, I am ashamed to be a Director of that concern.

Mr. SPEAKER.—So far as this subject is concerned, the attitude of the Legislatures towards the publication of proceedings has undergone considerable changes as Members are aware. Forbidding of such publication has fallen into disuse and where reports are correctly and faithfully reported, their publication is not prohibited. It is only where the report is *mala fide* that the question of liability is examined. It may be presumed that Newspapers act with a sense of responsibility and I do not think it is necessary on this occassion to take any notice. The very fact that the Hon'ble Member has now drawn my attention to the incorrect reporting will be enough, I am sure.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN (Chamarajapet).—How can we say it is incorrect when it is not compared with the official record of proceedings ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member will resume his seat. There should be no comment on the Speaker's ruling. Now, voting of Demands for Additional and Supplementary Grants for 1953-54 will be taken up.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

1953-54 (*contd.*).

DEMAND No. 23—RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

40-A.—RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :

> "That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rs. 5,05,300 be granted to the Government to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March 1954, in respect of ' Rural Development '."

There are six cut motions. Except Sl. No. 73 which stands in the name of Sri S. Srinivasa Iyengar, all others are out of order, for the simple reason that they deal with the general subject matter and not with reference to Bellary. Sri S. Srinivasa Iyengar, if he so desires, can move his cut motion No. 43.

NATURE OF WORKS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TOTAL ESTIMATED COST.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T. Narasipur).—Sir, I beg to move :

> " That the demand under the Head ' 40-A. Rural Development ' for Rs. 5,05,300 be reduced by Rs. 100 (in order to ask for the nature of works approved by the Planning Commission and the total estimated cost)."